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MURDERERS TAKE POSSESSION OF TRAIN

After Killing a Railroad Engineer in Mississippi

[By Associated Press.]
Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 29.—Four men, headed by Ashley Cooke, of Mississippi, deliberately killed J. M. Rhea, a railroad engineer of Vicksburg, who was a passenger on the northbound Yazoo and Mississippi valley train, just out of Leland, Miss., this morning and then took possession of the train and compelled the engineer to uncouple the engine and to carry them on up the road where they tried to escape.

All were captured.
Cooke is a wealthy planter and merchant of Cleveland, Miss.
He was accompanied by A. M. Phipps, postmaster at Shelby, Miss., Tom Lauderdale, a relative of Phipps, and another man named Blackman.
Cooke had a revolver. Blackman and Lauderdale carried Winchester rifles, and Phipps was unarmed.
Throughout all parts of Mississippi the excitement is intense.

CITY HAS NO POWER

Topeka Cannot Enforce Local Liquor Laws

[By Associated Press.]
Topeka, Kas., Dec. 29.—Judge Hazen today decided that the council of the city of Topeka has no right to pass an ordinance for the search of places in which liquor is illegally sold and for the seizure of liquors found there. The court held that unless the legislature gave express and not implied authority for a search and seizure ordinance, or unless provision was made in the city charter for the destruction of property that the council could not pass such an ordinance and that the present ordinance is invalid. This leaves the city practically without an ordinance under which police can successfully prosecute illegal liquor sellers.

Masquerade Ball.

Germania Verein are preparing for an elaborate New Year's masquerade ball. The programmes are to be features of the event. The committees will have a costume here for three days. It will be held in the Business College hall.

It's the little colds that grow into big colds; the big colds that end in consumption and death. Watch the little colds. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup.

Mike's cocktail at the Royal bar.



AMERICAN ARTIST HONORED BY FRENCH PRESIDENT.

Miss Lapoint Couderc, better known as Amalia Kussner, the celebrated miniature painter, was recently honored during her recent visit to Paris with the honor of Captain Couderc. They were the guests of President and Mrs. Loubet at the opera, occupying chairs in the executive box.

HILL INTERESTS HELD UP BY COURT ORDER

Harriman People Prevent Retirement of Preferred Railroad Stock

[By Associated Press.]
Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 30.—Judge Elliott of the district court of Hennepin county, today granted a temporary order restraining the officers of the Northern Pacific Railroad company from retiring the preferred stock of that company. The order was issued on the application of Peter Power of New York, who holds a hundred shares of the common stock. It was supposed that the failure of action brought in New York by holders of preferred stock, cleared away the last obstacle to the retirement of preferred Jan., leaving the Hill interest in control of the road through its majority of common stock. It is inferred, although it does not so appear, that present action is brought in behalf of Harriman interests to prevent the control passing out of its hands for another year or until the legal standing of the Northern securities company is settled.

To Prevent Merger.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 30.—Governors and attorney generals of four north-

western states, and an attorney general of another will meet in state supreme court rooms this evening to discuss and if possible agree on a plan for the prevention of the gigantic Northern Pacific, Great Northern-Burlington railway merger.

SWANS' LEAGUE

Still Fighting Saloon Permits in County Court.

The board of county commissioners granted the license of M. C. Wyckoff of Marshall, last Saturday evening. It was contested by the Anti-Saloon league who agreed to the issue of the same after signing an agreement to appeal at the earliest time from the board to the district court.

The application of A. T. McMillan for license was before the board this afternoon. It is contested by the league on grounds of insolvency. Mr. McMillan recently purchased the Adler place.



EDWARD H. HARRIMAN, THE RAILROAD MAGNATE WHO LIKES TO PLAY JOCKEY.

When he is wearied of the strategic game in which great railroad properties are the pawns, Mr. E. H. Harriman, the man who succeeded in checking Morgan and Hill, likes to steal away to his stock farm in Orange county, N. Y., climb into a sulky and handle one of his fast thoroughbreds for a few hours. While Mr. Harriman can hardly be said to be as good a jockey as he is a financier, he knows a good horse and understands how to drive a speedy trotter on a track.

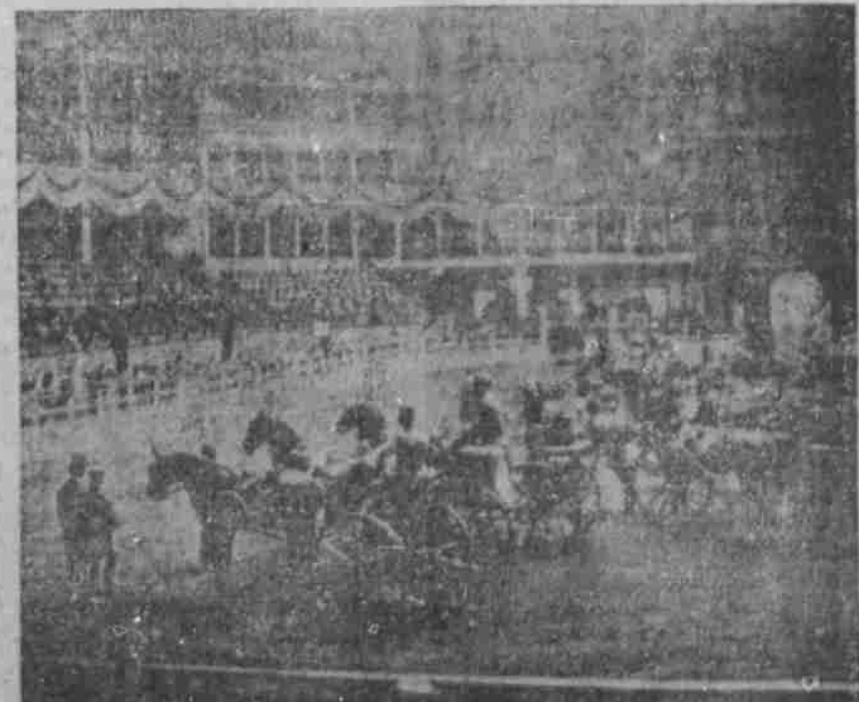


Photo by Higgins, New York.

SCENE AT NEW YORK'S BIG HORSE SHOW.

GERMANY TO ISSUE AN ULTIMATUM

And Will Make an Attack on Venezuela Immediately After

[By Associated Press.]
London, Dec. 29.—A dispatch to the Central News from Berlin says:
"It is believed to be certain here that an ultimatum will be issued within three days and that attack on Venezuela will follow directly after. In addition to the Vineta, the Falco and two training ships and the cruiser Greif have been ordered to LaGuaira. A high German official says:
"I am officially assured that the German chancery d'affairs has not left"

Caracas, and that diplomatic relations have not yet been broken off. The Four-Parties conference. An agreement has been reached between Germany and United States in regard to the German course of action in Venezuela."

Berlin, Dec. 30.—An official note published this evening says the negotiations between Germany and Venezuela continue, and that the German minister is still at Caracas.

WAS FRUITFUL OF RESULTS.

Meeting of Democratic Central Committee at El Reno.

El Reno, Okla., Dec. 28.—The meeting of the Democratic territorial central committee here was the best held in years. Fourteen counties were represented. The meeting met pursuant to a call from Chairman Anderson for the purpose of raising funds for properly conducting the next campaign. The forenoon session was consumed in a discussion of the regularity of appointments to membership on the committee by the chair and a brief address by Hon. W. C. Cardwell, of Weatherford, on the importance of the committee endorsing the Jefferson club.

At the evening session a number of important matters were disposed of. A resolution introduced by V. V. Hardcastle endorsing the Jefferson club as a useful organization, and one which should be encouraged in every manner by members of the party, was unanimously adopted.

Upon motion of Judge Billups, the committee extended its thanks to the El Reno Commercial club for tendering it the use of the club rooms for the meeting.

The committee then adjourned to meet at Oklahoma City on February 28, next, at which time the matters undischarged of at the meeting today will be given attention.

The meeting was one of the largest and most representative in the history of the party. Encouraging reports from every quarter were received, and a deeper interest manifested than at any previous meeting.

WANTS TO RETIRE

Admiral Schley's Friends Will Ask Congress to Act

[By Associated Press.]
New York, Dec. 30.—Captain James Parker, one of Admiral Schley's counsel, said today that the admiral regards his case as closed, but that his friends will ask congress to vindicate him by retiring him on full pay and reimbursing him for the expense of his trial.

ON CO-OPERATIVE PLAN.

El Reno American Turned Over to Employees.

El Reno, Okla., Dec. 30.—The American will, after today, be operated on the co-operative plan by the present employees. The directors guaranteed the salary list up to tonight, but would not be responsible for any further indebtedness. An agreement was, however, entered into by the directors whereby the plant is leased to the employees and they are to operate it on the co-operative plan. The corporation has on hand considerable paper stock which will be sold to the new management as it is needed, at cost. In this manner the new management will not be required to make any investments and will have no need of a working capital.

The paper will be reduced in size and the management will be reorganized.



Photo by Gunderson, St. Paul.

MINNESOTA'S FIGHTING GOVERNOR, SAMUEL R. VAN SANT.

Governor Van Sant of Minnesota, who is trying to prevent the big railroad combine from operating in his state according to the terms of the recent agreement, is, as can be seen from his picture, a very determined sort of gentleman. He comes from Dutch ancestry and is a veteran of the civil war.